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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE DELEGATION IN KINSHASA

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: DELEGATION RECEIVED FULL HONORS AND PUBLICITY OCT 10. IN TELEVISION INTERVIEW FOLLOWING TWO TALKS WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU, DELEGATION LEADER GENERAL PEREIRA DE MELO SAID HE HAD COME ON COURTESY VISIT (IN RESPONSE TO MOBUTU'S CALL ON SPINOLA AT SALT ISLAND LAST MONTH), BUT ALSO TO CONTINUE TALKS BEGUN WITH SPINOLA ON DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA. INDICATED HE HAD NO POWERS OF DECISION. SAID HE MIGHT MEET ANGOLAN LIBERATION LEADERS HERE. SCHEDULED DEPART OCT 11. END SUMMARY.

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2. POTTUGUESE DELEGATION WAS HIGH LEVEL. ZAIRIAN MEDIA CLAIMED IT HAD POWER "TO COMMIT THE HONOR AND RESPONSIBILITY OF PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT". IN ADDITION TO GENERAL PEREIRA DE MELO IT INCLUDED COL MARIO FIRMINO MIGUEL (PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR FOR DECOLONIZATION AFFAIRS, WHO ATTENDED SALT ISLAND TALKS), COMMODORE LEONARD CARDOZO (COMMANDER OF ANGOLAN NAVAL FORCES), AND LT COL GONCALVES RIBEIRO, ANGOLAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR. TWO OTHER MEMBERS NOT NAMED IN PRESS.

3. DELEGATION MET AT AIRPORT BY GENERALS MOLONGYA (CABINET DIRECTOR OF DEFENSE DEPT) AND BABIA (CHIEF OF MOBUTU'S MILITARY STAFF). ESCORTED IN PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE TO MOUNT NGALIEMA WHERE THERE WERE TWO MEETINGS AND LUNCH WITH MOBUTU. THERE WAS TELEVISION INTERVIEW OF DELEGATION LEADER AFTER SECOND MEETING, AND MEMBERS WERE GUESTS OF BABIA AND MOLONGYA AT DINNER THAT EVENING.

4. GIST OF GENERAL PEREIRA DE MELO'S ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON TELEVISION FOLLOW. HE WAS REPRESENTING PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES WHO WAS HIMSELF UNABLE TO RETURN VISIT MOBUTU HAD PAID TO SPINOLA LAST MONTH. IT WAS THUS COURTEST VISIT, BUT ALSO AIMED AT FOLLOWING UP ON SPINOLA/MOBUTU TALKS ON DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA. THERE HAD BEEN USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. THESE HAD INCLUDED DIFFICULT QUESTION OF WHETHER PORTUGAL SHOULD WAIT UNTIL ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS FORMED COMMON FRONT BEFORE NEGOTIATING WITH THEM. HE WAS REFERRING THIS MATTER BACK TO LISBON. MOBUTU AND ZAIRE HAVE KEY ROLE TO PLAY IN DECOLONIZATION OF ANGOLA. DELEGATION MAY HAVE CONTACTS WITH ANGOLAN LIBERATION LEADERS WHILE HERE.

5. ZAIRIAN EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTING FOLLOWING THEMES. VISIT IS LOGICAL RESULT OF MOBUTU'S TALKS WITH SPINOLA AND SHOWS LISBON'S RECOGNITION OF ZAIRE'S IMPORTANCE IN ACHIEVING SOLUTION FOR ANGOLA. VISIT REFLECTS MAJOR SUPPORT ZAIRE HAS GIVEN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ALL ALONG. DISPROVES CHARGES MOBUTU-SPINOLA MEETING REPRESENTED COLLUSION WITH REACTIONARY FORCES.

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6. OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY REPORTS DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO DEPART OCT 11.
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